

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you on behalf of Monaghan Town Football Club. Our club has been in operation since 2005 as a senior club and since 2011 as a juvenile club. The club was established to keep senior lads involved with soccer in the local area and since then has gone from strength to strength. Currently we have one senior team playing in the Cavan Monaghan League and we have five underage teams playing in the underage leagues in the area. Altogether we have kids playing soccer from ages five right to adults at age 40.

We take great pride in providing opportunities to young people and helping them achieve their goals. Recently a former player and underage coach, Scarlett Herron was invited into the Women's U19 International training camp. We are very proud of her achievements and take great pride that Scarlett played with the boy's section of our club right up to the age of 15 when most girls might have stopped playing due to the lack of opportunities. We have also had numerous players selected and represented the club on league squads in the Kennedy cup and most recently the Gaynor cup for girls. In addition to this several of our players have played national league football for the Cavan Monaghan underage league.

However, this has been achieved without our own playing facilities. We have been lucky enough over the years to have the use of Belgium Park and as a club we must commend the help of Brian Finnegan and previously Dan Collins. Both lads and the different caretakers over the years have been more than helpful to our club and visitors to the pitch would have thought they were involved in the club giving their willingness to help. We will be forever grateful to these people. We strive to acquire our own ground someday and we have fundraised in the past to achieve our dream. However, finding the suitable land to purchase has proven to be difficult and growing numbers in our club means the financial strain on us renting facilities is proving even more difficult.

We as a club are asking for help. We would sincerely appreciate Monaghan County Council's assistance in identifying a suitable piece of land where we could build our own home or else work closely with Monaghan County Council in upgrading the existing facilities in Belgium Park. We would love to be considered in the Council's thoughts in the regeneration of Monaghan Town. We would like for you to consider us for some land usage when you are regenerating the land in St Davnet's complex. We understand that there may be recreational space available in this area and we would help develop a portion of this. We have some funds and we hope to apply to the LCDC for further funding to help develop a football field of our own. With your support you could help dreams come through. We would appreciate your consideration of this offer. We look forward to speaking with the relevant people within Monaghan County Council and put forward our dream.

Kind Regards,

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